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1. THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENCE SOCIETY INC., THE AUCKLAND BRANCH OF THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND'S CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION ORGANIZED NEW ZEALAND ENERGY CONFERENCE MAY 23 TO 25. IN ADDITION TO PRIME MINISTER KIRK WHO WILL OPEN THE CONFERENCE WITH A FORMAL ADDRESS, THE MINISTER OF ENERGY RESOURCES, MR. FEER, WILL CLOSE CONFERENCE WITH ADDRESS ON METHODS OF REGULATING DEMAND. OTHER GOVERNMENT SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE, THE GENERAL MANAGER OF NZ ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT, WHO WILL SPEAK ON NZ'S USE PATTERS OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY; THE COMMISSIONER OF ENERGY RESOURCES, SPEAKING ON NZ PETROLEUM AND COAL USE AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT TO TALK ON IMPACT OF ENVIROMENTAL CONSTRAINTS ONENERGY SUPPLY.

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2. OTHER MAIN SPEAKERS ARE AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR OF GEOPHYSICS, A.C. KIBBLEWHITE WHO WILL SPEAK ON NON-RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES AND PROFESSOR OF AGR. ENGINEERING, G T WARD, ON SOLAR AND OTHER RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES.

3. SUBJECTS OF US SPEAKERS ARE "THERMAL POLLUTION-HOW THE ALLOWABLE TEMPERATURE RISE OF HEAT SINKS IS TO BE FIXED" (J R CLARK); "LIMITS SET BY CONTAMINATION AND WASTE DISPOSAL OF NUCLEAR FISSION" (H W KENDALL) AND "SOCIAL ORIGINS AND ECONOMIC BASIS OF ENERGY DEMAND" (E R HABICHT).

4. SPEAKERS SELECTED BY ORGANIZERS.

5. ATTENDANCE BY INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION.

6. 6. OVERALL THEME IS TO "DEFINE THE NATURE AND RANGE OF PROBLEMS THAT CANNOT BE IGNORED" WITH SOME SOLUTIONS. AMBITION OF ORGANIZERS IS THAT CONFERENCE "MAKE UNAVOIDABLE AND PRESSING MORE DETAILED INVESTIGATIONS OF NEW ZEALAND'S ENERGY ALTERNATIVES AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES FOR ITS PRESENT AND FUTURE SOCIETY."

7. SEVERAL LARGE AND INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES ARE LISTED AS FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS.

8. IN VIEW OBVIOUS IMPOSSIBILITY NOW OF ARRANGING PARTICIPATION ADDITIONAL US SPEAKRS, EMBASSY URGES SENDING APPROPRIATE VOL. SPEAKER OR STAG IN NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELD TO ADDRESS QUARTERLY MEETING IN AUCKLAND OF NZ ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE ON JUNE 13. THIS SHOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY CLOSE TIMING TO WARRANT EFFORT COUNTER ADVERSE EFFECTS US SPEAKERS AT NZ ENERGY CONFERENCE. IF NOT POSSIBLE MEET JUNE 13 DATE OTHER EARLY VISIT NUCLEAR EXPERT FOR PUBLIC TALKS WOULD STILL LIKELY BE HELPFUL.

9. EMBASSY WILL OBTAIN COPIES OF PAPERS PRESENTED AND GIST CONFERENCE OUTCOME FOR FORWARDING TO DEPARTMENT.
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